

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

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**35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejections**

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Bryson et al simply discloses a driver which moves the pusher element at a same speed as the front table as claimed at an instantaneous moment, as already admitted in previous office actions.

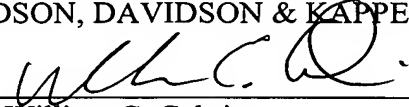
The Response to Arguments section of the outstanding Office Action is correct in one respect: in the present claim the period of time is dependent on the possible thicknesses of the workpiece. Bryson's driver timing is not dependent on workpiece thickness, and thus it is clear Bryson does not anticipate. Also, even if there are infinite thicknesses, Bryson still falls outside the claim limitation: Bryson's instantaneous overlap is shorter than the time needed to process a thin sheet material article.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1 to 5, 7 to 11 and 21 is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,  
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